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**GARY MUFFLEY NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR
OF NLRB'S CINCINNATI REGIONAL OFFICE**

The National Labor Relations Board's Chairman Robert J. Battista and General Counsel Arthur F. Rosenfeld today announced the appointment of Gary W. Muffley as Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board's Regional Office in Cincinnati, OH (Region 9). He succeeds Richard L. Ahearn, who has been serving as Director of the Agency's Seattle, WA Regional Office (Region 19) since April 2003.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and investigates and remedies unfair labor practices.

A career NLRB employee, Mr. Muffley has been serving since 1999 as Deputy to the Assistant General Counsel in the Division of Operations-Management in Washington, D.C. In his new position, Mr. Muffley will supervise the handling of NLRB cases arising in southern Ohio, eastern Kentucky, southern West Virginia and Dearborn County, Indiana.

In a statement announcing the appointment, Chairman Battista and General Counsel Rosenfeld said:

Gary Muffley brings a wealth of field and managerial experience to his new position as Regional Director in Cincinnati. He served in three different field offices always performing at the highest levels. Since joining the Division of Operations-Management, he has provided excellent managerial oversight to a number of our Midwest regions and has handled a number of high priority projects.

A native of Milton, Pennsylvania, Mr. Muffley received his B.A. degree in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1974 and a M.S. degree in Criminology from Florida State University in 1978. Mr. Muffley began his NLRB career as a Field Examiner in the Memphis, TN Regional Office (Region 26) in 1979. He subsequently transferred to the

Baltimore, MD Regional Office (Region 5) in 1987. In 1996, he was promoted to Resident Officer of the Washington, D.C. Resident Office, a position he held until December 1999, when he was appointed Deputy to the Assistant General Counsel.

Mr. Muffley and his wife, Cindy, have two sons: Curt, 31, who is a mortgage broker, and Gregory, 25, who recently completed a five-year tour with the U.S. Marine Corps as a helicopter flight engineer and is currently an undergraduate student at Towson State University in Towson, Maryland. They have two grandchildren: Ellie, 3, and Carly, 1.

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